

Attachment I

IN UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas Wilson
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For: FATIGUE RELIEVING SUPPORT FOR STEERING WHEELS AND THE LIKE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

SIR:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is to correct the numbering of claims of the present application.

Applicant files herewith:

Amendments to the Claims as set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Amended) A fatigue relieving/preventing apparatus associated with a steering wheel for controlling a vehicle comprising:

a first section that connects to an upper one-half (1/2) of a peripheral portion of the steering wheel ; and

a second section that connects to, and extends from, the first section at the peripheral portion of the steering wheel, the second section extends from the first section outward at an angle to a plane across a face to the steering wheel, the second section for providing resting support for at least a portion of a vehicular operator's body when pressure from the portion of the vehicular operator's body on the second section is less than the pressure for deforming the second section out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the steering wheel, and deforming out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the steering wheel when pressure from the portion of the vehicular operator's body on the second section is equal to or greater than the pressure for deforming the second section out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the steering wheel.

21. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the second section is deformable in at least one direction when deforming pressure is applied to such second section.

22. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the second section provides resting support for a portion of the vehicular operator's body when resting support pressure from such body portion is applied in at least one direction.

23. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the steering wheel includes a steering wheel for controlling at least a nautical vessel, an aircraft, or a ground transportation vehicle.

24. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the second section will return to an original first position after deforming pressure is removed therefrom.

25. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the portion of the body supported by the second section includes at least a forearm, wrist, or hand.

26. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the first section extends a length of a predetermined peripheral portion of the steering wheel.

27. (Previously Amended) A fatigue relieving/preventing apparatus associated with a steering wheel for controlling a vehicle comprising:

at least a first first section and a second first section that connect to an upper one-half (1/2) of a peripheral portion of the steering wheel; and

at least a first second section and a second second section that connect to, and extends from the first and second first sections, respectively, with the first and second second sections extending from the respective first and second first sections outward at an angle to a plane across a face of the steering wheel, the first and second second sections each providing resting support for at least a portion of a vehicular operator's body when pressure from the portion of the vehicular operator's body on the first or second second section is less than the pressure for deforming the first or second second section out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the steering wheel, and deforming out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the steering wheel when pressure from the portion of the vehicular operator's body on the first or second second section is equal to or greater than the pressure for deforming the first or second second section out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the steering wheel.

28. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 27, wherein the first and second first sections are deformable.

29.-38 (Cancelled)

39. (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 20, wherein the first section is deformable.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. CORRECTION OF CLAIM NUMBERING

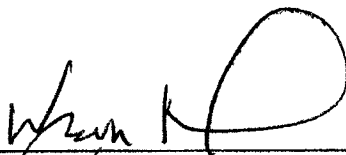
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Luong for the telephonic interview ("Interview") conducted on June 7, 2010. In the Interview, Examiner Luong and the Undersigned discussed a mistake in the numbering of "(New) claim 29" added in the Amendment dated February 24, 2010. (New) claim 29 added by that Amendment should have been presented as "(New) claim 39" given that claims 29-38 were cancelled in Applicant's Response dated September 26, 2005. The Examiner Luong and the Undersigned agreed in the Interview that Applicant should file this Amendment after Final Action to correct claim numbering for purposes of the presentation of claims on appeal.

CONCLUSION

The present invention is new, nonobvious and useful. Applicant requests that this Amendment be entered for purposes of appeal.

Applicant believes no fee is due for this Amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No.: 0114089.120US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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